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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR COOPER'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT

1. ON THEIR ARRIVAL IN BERLIN DECEMBER 3, AMBASSADOR AND MORS. COOPER WERE RECEIVED BY GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL JAHNSNOWSKI AND NORTH AMERICA DIVISION CHIEF GEYER, WITH A LARGE CONTINGENT OF PRESS IN ATTENDANCE. SPEAKING EXTEMPORANEOUSLY, AMBASSADOR COOPER CLOSELY FOLLOWED HIS PREPARED REMARKS, WHICH HAD EARLIER BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE PRESS. TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS CORDIAL WELCOME TO THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. MY WIFE AND I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS DAY. WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE HERE.

3. I CONSIDER MY APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AS AN OPPORTUNITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO FURTHER WITH YOU THE RELATIONSHIP OF OUR COUNTRIES. AS SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER SAID IN SEPTEMBER, AT THE TIME I TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS SYMBOLIC OF THE IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN EAST
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AND WEST DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS. I HOPE VERY MUCH,

AS I AM SURE YOU DO, THAT THIS WILL PROVE TRUE.

4. WE HOPE TO MEET THE LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF THE
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC DURING THE COMING MONTHS.
DURING OUR STAY HERE MY STAFF AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
IMPROVING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, AND TO
JOIN WITH YOU IN MAKING THE RELATIONSHIP A CONSTRUCTIVE
ONE. I AM CONVINCED THAT WITH GOOD WILL AND A SPIRIT OF
RECIPROCITY ON BOTH SIDES, WE CAN DEVELOP A RELATIONSHIP
WHICH WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT AND BENEFICIAL RESULTS
FOR BOTH THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA.

5. WE THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR KIND GREETING. END TEXT.COOPER

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